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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 0783

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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DEPARTMENT FOR A/OC AND A/SY

ADDIS ABABA FOR RSS

NAIROBI FOR RCO

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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF BATTERY-POWERED EQUIPMENT

VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH

1. ON OCTOBER 24, EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS AIR CARGO OFFICIAL WHO ADVISED THEY HAD RECEIVED A DIPLOMATIC POUCH FROM LOURENCO MARQUES, CONSIGNED TO NAIROBI, WHICH WAS EMITTING A HUM AND VIBRATIONS, AND THEY HAD STORED THE POUCH IN A "SAFE PLACE" UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE EMBASSY COULD ADVISE THEM OF ITS DISPOSITION. IN ANY CASE, THEY COULD NOT (WOULD NOT) FORWARD THIS HUMMING POUCH TO NAIROBI. A CHECK WITH LM REVEALED THAT THIS PARTICULAR POUCH CONTAINED THE TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN'S TOOL KIT, AND WITH THIS INFORMATION, EMBASSY SURMISED CEO-T HAD NOT REMOVED BATTERIES FROM HIS SIGNAL GENERATOR AND IT HAD BEEN ACCIDENTLY TURNED ON. THIS WAS CONFIRMED WHEN CRO AND A/RSO WENT TO AIRPORT AND OPENED POUCH. THE BATTERIES WERE REMOVED FROM THE SIGNAL GENERATOR; THE POUCH WAS RESEALED AND TURNED BACK OVER TO AIR CARGO OFFICIAL WHO WAS GREATLY RELIEVED, AND MOST APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.

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2. RECOMMEND CEO'S BE INSTRUCTED TO ALWAYS REMOVE BATTERIES FROM TEST EQUIPMENT WHEN TOOL KITS ARE IN TRANSIT. RCO MAY ALSO WISH TO REMIND ALL COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO REMOVE OR DISCONNECT BATTERIES FROM RADIOS PRIOR TO SHIPPING, FOR THEY COULD ALSO BE ACCIDENTLY TURNED ON AND CAUSE PROBLEMS DURING SHIPMENT.

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